

Preface

Complete effort, motivation and understanding being utilized in the context of this book is all dedicated to the soul of Rumi and Shams of Tabrez, the two Masters of Love that existed only to preach and spark Love into the soul of every living thing which came into contact. I hope my words may help every reader to discover Love in his/her own being and become a beacon spreading light in the life of fellow humans. I am also thankful for the presence of beautiful people in my life who encouraged me to ink this very booklet.

Through Love thorns become roses.

- Rumi

The Mercy

All of the creatures that exist in the realm of this whole universe belong to the only Creator, the one in whose hands is our each and every breath ticking against each second of the clock. So, the real question here is, why we exist? Why we even live? Why each soul has his/her own time to vanish from the face of this Earth? Why everything eventually expires? The one and only answer to all these questions is Love.

The Love of Allah subhanahu wa taa'la for His Beloved and our merciful Prophet ﷺ who lived only to incite love in the hearts of His obedient followers and the ones who tried to harm Him. But His mercy surpassed all humanly possible limits and embraced the ones who hurt Him so badly. And eventually the love He ﷻ carried in His heart turned the worst of men into exemplary ones. The life of my Prophet ﷺ is full of the element called love.

Love is the essence of every act we do. Like a candle carries its flame and the moon carries its light and the sun carries its heat and warmth, similarly each soul carries the flame of Love deep in its core. But we all need a source, a spark to set our whole being on fire. And when that fire erupts, every desire burns and we are left only with the sheer will to help other humans carry the burden.

The whole creation of Allah may start writing and counting the attributes of His Beloved Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ for a whole lifespan but still infinite amount of His mercy & Love will remain untouched. We as humans can merely try to

capture a glimpse of How Prophet Muhammad ﷺ lived, loved and bestowed. If only someone could try and mention how the mercy of Allah and Prophet Muhammad ﷺ feels like, the autumn will no more remain autumn, the pain will no more remain a pain, the hardship will no more be a hardship, even the poison will transform into honey, the death will turn itself into life, the ruins will turn itself into treasures and every pain, sadness, worry, tribulation will meet its cure. This is how the mercy feels, the love of your Lord.

But to be considered for all such miracles, one needs to be nourished by Love. Love teaches how to caress the wounded human heart, how to help a burdened soul, how to cherish a tarnished human being. When you start caring for the fellow humans and you start loving them for the sake of Allah, His Mercy surrounds you. The only person who lived on the face of this earth with the Mercy that knew no bounds, was only our Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). The love that even His name and His remembrance carries is of infinite magnitude. Loving Him (ﷺ) is the best way to attain Allah's closeness and Mercy in uncalculated amounts and in complete abundance. Words simply can't even dare to describe and depict the magnificence of the Beloved ﷺ as we are in no position to explain the aura of His ﷺ being and the Love contained in His ﷺ Heart. Only Allah knows His complete attributes and the status He ﷺ was given. His ﷺ name can light up the souls, the darkest ones fallen deep into despair. We just need His ﷺ teachings and the way of life to light up our lives and the others we live with.

Rumi & Shams

Shams of Tabrez and Maulana Rumi are the two Masters of Love, the friends, the true companions. Shams being the one who at first carried the ocean of knowledge, love and wisdom and wanted to share it with someone who can take all of it in its entirety and shine even more. Shams prayed and Allah listened and bestowed Shams with a true companion (Rumi).

Maulana Rumi was introduced to that love of Divine power by the companionship of Shams Tabrez. As soon as love infused into the whole being of Maulana Rumi, the light inside enhanced to its full. Whenever Love happens it feels like the Heart is floating and dancing in the presence of Beloved. The aroma of feelings can still be felt in the words inked by Maulana Rumi. After all those years, the soul of Rumi is still known to almost all of the world like He is alive in our Hearts with all his love.

Rumi sow the seeds of love with his nourishing poetry. I just can't comprehend the amount of love he is still spreading. His words carry their own kind of spark which increases in intensity day after day. His heart was all filled with the fragrance of Beloved.

Heart

A human heart bears all the footprints of our life's actions either good or bad. A heart is a vessel and it carries a mix of all the wines it has tasted along its lifespan. Every act directly hits our heart. The most sought heart by the wanderers and the friends of the Almighty is termed in native language as Qalb-e-Saleem, which means a kind of heart that can easily connect to the Creator and Maker of this whole universe and feel enormous amount of peace at each encounter.

Every sort of a human emotion originates from heart. A heart can be thought of as a garden where flowers resemble each good intention and the fragrance varies with the intensity of goodness of each intention or act, while the weeds and thorns are negative emotions inflicting harm on one's own self. So, in ideal case the soil of heart should become so fertile that only flowers with the scents so enchanting that can attract every soul.

But the real journey of a heart to its destined course starts when love gets itself settled inside its walls. And when that happens, the air feels more refreshing, and you start seeing the light in the darkest of things. Gratitude, kindness and goodness in any form renders your heart to purity. But there are a very few souls who reach the level of 'Ehsaan'. There is no limit to how good one can be. Similarly, there is no end to the beauty of heart. The level of Ehsaan is doing good to a person by even sacrificing your own needs and

accommodating the one with the greater good while neglecting your own self in the process. Those are the best kind of deeds done only to please the One in all Might, Allah. Just for once, try being good to someone for the sake of Almighty Allah and taste the sweetness of that act. Be patient with your own hardships and try removing someone else's pain and it will fill your inside with the sweetness far greater than any luxury this material world holds. All such acts done purely to seek closeness to the Almighty Allah brings clarity to one's vision.

The main reason why we have lost the basic human values is that our hearts are rusted by our evil deeds and clinging onto the material things plus all the negative emotions we carry for our human counterparts. We have forgotten the very purpose of our creation and existence into this world. But things can be far more beneficial if we just understand that all the humans are Allah's creation and before lending a helping hand to someone, just remember that we all bear a soul that is connected to the One in all Power and all Might, Allah. That will make us love every living thing in every scenario.

Patience

Patience is a unique attribute which is almost lost in today's society. We have become impatient to an alarmingly high degree. All this is due to the lack of faith and denying situations as they occur in real life. Patience is the acceptance of the uneasy situations in life that you can't change and everything happens by the will of Allah. Staying patient and knowing that your Allah has decided what's best for your nafs is a true relief. Allah loves all of His creations to the point where our little brains can't simply reach to comprehend. When He puts you through something you need to trust and Love Him even more instead of complaining, as all your matters are solely in His hands. And when you thank and praise Him in tribulations, the magnitude of your Love for Him increases exponentially in your heart and His mercy embraces you with all its Might.

As in worldly affairs, people have blind trust in certain schemes that they will surely workout in their favor but sometimes people and companies they work for go bankrupt even after a good calculation and their trust in those systems. But that trust is of no use because everyone involved in such system has their own benefit. But if that same amount of blind trust is put into the decree of Allah, things can just turnaround. Whenever love of Allah penetrates a person's heart, all desires for wrong pleasures burn out and what remains is a selfless servant full of divine Love who exists only

to remove pain from the life of fellow humans. Each one of his/her act is full of sheer kindness which is capable of melting the Heart of the one being helped.

Similarly, patience is required in dealing with the bad people. Anyone can be good to a good person but the real challenge is to be equally good to a person who is bad. However, a bad person actually needs more goodness of yours so that he/she can see the light while being trapped in pure darkness.

Nature

In nature, everything that exists, exists only to inspire us do good. Whenever a person experiences nature in its fullest, it brings serenity and a calming effect on one's soul. Be it a waterfall, a mountain, a river, a garden, a butterfly and sometimes just a single dew drop on a rose can make someone forget each and every pain in their life even for a small amount of time. But each sight of nature in its very pure form exists only to soothe us. Nature can heal us in many ways unimaginable and uncomprehending for a human mind.

If you closely observe the human nature, closely enough to see the reflection of all the things that exist in nature. We as humans bear the delicacy of dove, tenderness of a butterfly, the depth of an ocean, the spark of a volcano, the will of a mountain and the transparency of a water drop. If we learn to live in harmony as nature does, the thorn and the flower exist together showing us that we can live with each other with all our differences and diverse natures. We can still co-exist and love each other with the immense form of compassion and care.

Like the change of weathers, the death of leaves in autumn, the freshness of breeze, the sprouting of new leaves like a rebirth tells us that the damage done to our souls by our own selves or others can be healed by change. Changing

our attachments and interest in certain things, staying with the positive people, absorbing the kind of spark they have, helping people in need around us, being good toward people you encounter in daily life with just your kind words can have a lot of impact. As every good done with a kind heart brings change in the other people too. The good attitude toward someone can make them more compassionate because you are introducing them to a kind of goodness they have never experienced in their whole life. That is why our good behavior plays a vital role in changing the nature of people we face.

The most difficult thing in life is to be good to people who harm your soul and push you in some kind of pain. But once you learn to be patient, your intellect grows and you begin to understand that actually these people deserve more goodness than any other person. That is what our Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) taught in the best ways possible and still we don't pay heed. You just need to be good because the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) taught you so and He showed that by His actions, by being so profoundly good to even disbelievers and the enemies of the religion He preached. Even reading about His kind attitude towards those people melts our heart then just imagine how would that transform our Muslims brothers and sisters.